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SUBJECT: ITU: USSR HF INTERFERENCE

REF: GENEVA 2812, 2596, 2476, 2093 AND 2853

1. WE NOTE USMISSION GENEVA REPORTING OF NORWEGIAN EFFORTS TO QUOTE HOLD SOVIET FEET TO FIRE ON MATERS OF HF PULSE INTERFERENCE UNQUOTE BUT WE ARE UNCLEAR AS TO OUR REASONS FOR REFUSING GON REQUEST FOR SUPPORT. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE REASONS FOR NOT WANTING TO TAKE A POSITION ON CONSTRAINTS ON HF PULSE EMISSIONS AT THIS TIME, WE ALSO REALIZE THAT THERE ARE POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AT STAKE HERE. SOVIET INTERFERENCE WITH BROADCASTS, PARTICULARLY WITH MARITIME TRANSMISSIONS WHICH AFFECT SHIPPING AND SAFETY AT SEA, ARE WIDELY PERCEIVED BY THE NORWEGIAN PUBLIC AS SOMETHING ON WHICH THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE ACTION.

2. WE HAVE, IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GON, REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT THE NECESSITY FOR THEM TO TAKE A STRONG STAND IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE USSR. IN SO DOING WE HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT AS
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A NATO AND US ALLY, NORWAY DOES NOT ACT ALONE. THE NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL PRESENTS THE USG WITH AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE TANGIBLE ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF OUR STATED POSITION. THEREFORE IF US-CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE PROPOSED NORWEGIAN STATEMENT DOES NOT SERIOUSLY PREJUDICE OTHER US INTERESTS, EMBASSY URGES DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE US CO-SPONSORSHIP OF NORWEGIAN STATEMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT REVIEW POSSIBILITY OF
US CO-SPONSORING ON MARCH 3 GON STATEMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN
FINAL ACTS OF CONFERENCE (GENEVA 2853 PARA 4).
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